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Dedication

Priest, Scholar, Gentleman



The members of the class of 1940 are honored to express what is in the heart of each:

Their gratitude for the abiding influence of a dynamic personality, for the intimate friendship of a truly great teacher, and for the living inspiration of a true

Christian Gentleman and Priest

FATHER RAPHAEL ARTHUR, O.S.B.

Honoring him, we honor the Abbey and ourselves.





THEME

To catch the spirit of the Abbey Campus and portray it on these pages so that we may have, in the years to come, a cherished memory of activities that had to be experienced in order to be remembered—that is the theme of the 1940 Spire.

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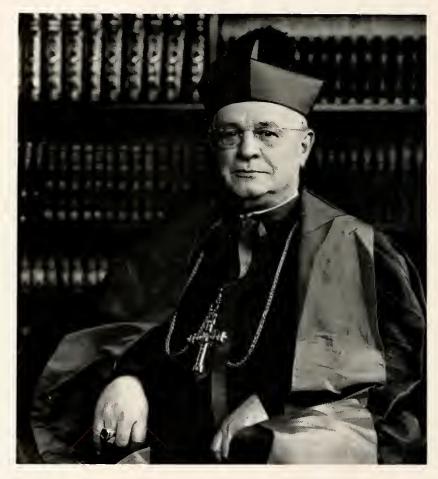


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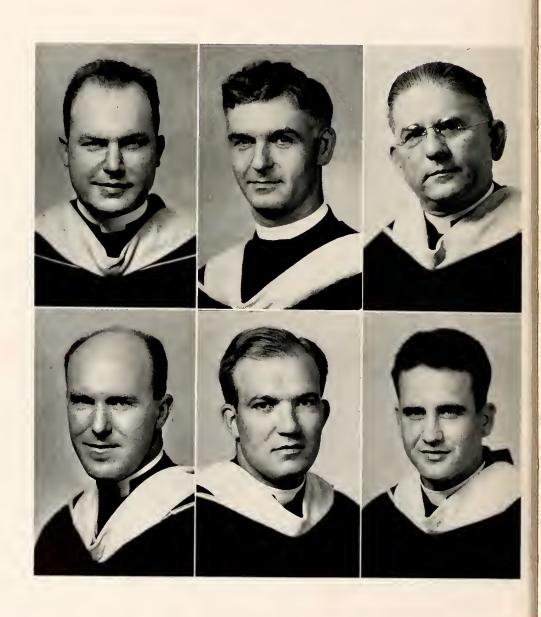
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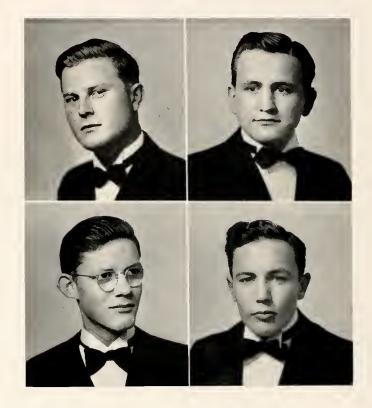


The Abbey's Queen bolds her court here In days when fragrant June is near.





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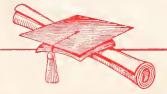
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CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Day Students Club, '39-'40.

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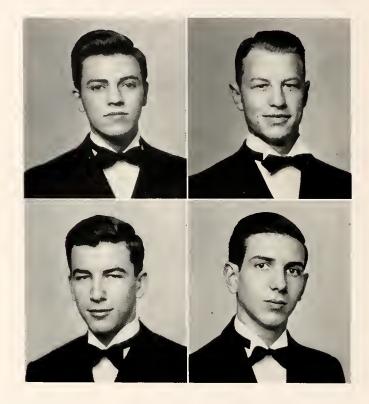
Piedmont Club. '39-'40; Day Students Club. '38-'40.

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Day Students Club, '38-'40; Piedmont Club, '39-'40.

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Day Students Club, '38-'40; Glee Club, '39-'40.

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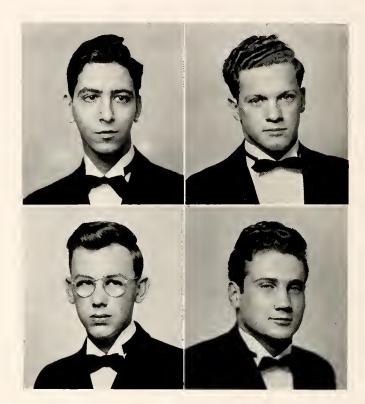
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Student Laboratorian, '39-'40: Piedmont Club, '39-'40: Dramatic Club, '38-'39; Contact, '38-'39; Monogram Club (Secretary), '39-'40: Football, Basketball, '38-'40.

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DWIGHT H. PADGETT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Day Students Club, '38-'40.

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Anthony J. Sikish Bellaire, Ohio

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JAMES R. WALKER POWHATAN, OHIO

Piedmont Club, '39-'40; Monogram Club, '38-'40; Assistant Coach of Ramblers, '38-'40; Football, '38-'40.

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Senior Intimacies

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CHARLES M. HARTSOCK



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JOHN F. POLLOCK

CARLOS G. QUEREJETA
BEN T. ROBINSON
HARRY E. ROGERS

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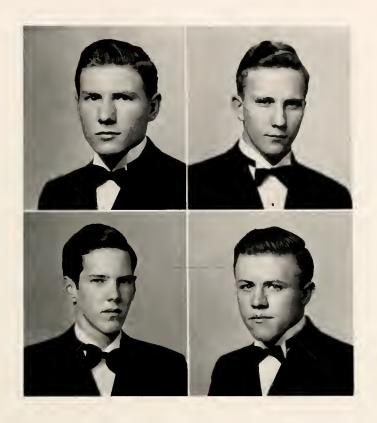


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Freshman Intimacies



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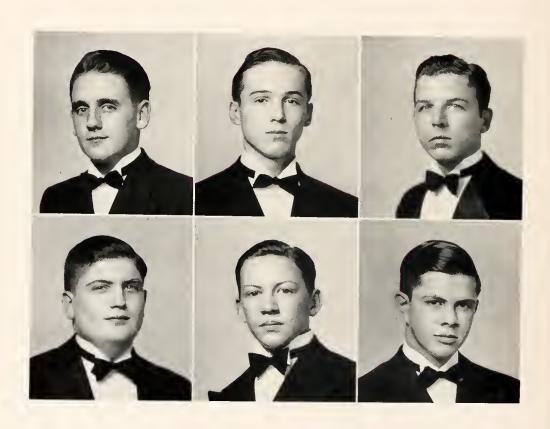
Day Students Club, '37-'40; Ramblers Club, '39-'40; Football, '38.

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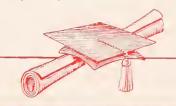
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Prepsters



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PREP GROUP

The First, Second, and Third Prep classes have become, and are, an integral part of campus life at the Abbey. Their participation in all the activities is an assurance of the continuation of student traditions.



Publications



THE 1940 SPIRE STAFF

The members of the 1940 SPIRE Staff, who have concentrated their attention and efforts so that the students could have a memento of the school year.

Editor of the Annual this year was Benjamin Jones, who was ably assisted by William Copeland as Associate Editor and Melvin Johnson as Business Manager. Other members of the staff who did much to make this book a success were Hobart Joost, Neil Hurst. Quint Furr, Paul Weatherfey, and William Fulton on the Editorial Staff, and William Rawlins and John Cuningham on the Business Staff.



CONTACT STAFF

Contact. the Campus-Alumni news medium. is published monthly by the student body and is a source of expression for those interested in the field of Journalism. During the year. Contact has received the Second Class Honor Rating in the All-American survey conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press. the All-Catholic award from the Catholic School Press Association, and was designated as a "Distinguished" Newspaper by Emory University in a contest conducted by the Atlanta Journal.

During 1939-40 Gilbert J. Farley headed the staff as Editor, assisted by Benjantin M. Jones as Sports Editor, Quint E. Furr. Business Manager, and by able co-workers who will continue next year.

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Familiar Campus Scenes



Organizations

GLEE CLUB

Under the skillful direction of Mr. J. B. Houren. "Mr. Jack," the Abbey Glee Club has had a most successful season. This year, boasting an organization that compared favorably with any in the State, the Club gave concerts in several of the larger cities throughout North and South Carolina and impressed large audiences at each concert. The Glee Club combined with the Sacred Heart College for Women's club, also under the direction of Mr. Houren, made a unique group.





PIEDMONT CLUB

The students' social club at the Abbey. For 15 years this organization has been the center of social activities on the campus. This year the club has sponsored its usual quota of dances, the climax of which was the C.B.S. broadcast from the dance floor in Haid Gymnasium at the Spring Formal. The Piedmont Club, which boasted of the largest number of members in years, also sponsored a lecture on the Progress of Science in Physics.

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VARSITY MONOGRAM CLUB

The Varsity Monogram Club is composed of those students who have earned their monograms in football, basketball, track and boxing. The club has been active in all the functions of the school, and has been the sponsor of several social affairs which were a credit to the organization. Many new members were added to the club this year, which made it the largest Monogram Club in school history.



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RAMBLERS CLUB

One of the most progressive organizations at the Abbey, the Ramblers Club, composed of preparatory school students, has successfully sponsored all prep activities under the direction of Father Daniel Baran, O.S.B. In addition to social activities, including dances and parties, this club is responsible for producing one of the best-equipped and well-trained athletic groups playing under the Ramblers' name. This year Jack Cunningham was President of the organization and Eccles Gray, Secretary-Treasurer.

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PREP SCHOOL MONOGRAM CLUB

The Prep School Monogram Club for the year 1939-40, composed of Lettermen in Football and Basketball.

The Day Students Club, with Mr. Melvin Johnson as President and Father Walter Coggins, O.S.B., moderator, is composed of off-campus students.





DAY STUDENTS CLUB

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ALTAR BOYS



The St. Johns Berchmans Altar Boys Society under the direction of the Very Rev. Nicholas Bliley, O.S.B., assisted by the Rev. Father Anselm Biggs. O.S.B., has completed its twenty-sixth year of service in the Cathedral, assisting in the liturgical functions.

The Beta Theta Prep Dramatic Fraternity under the direction of David J. Gorney terminates another successful season of entertaining the student body with drama, tragedy, comedy, and "mellerdramma."

PREP SCHOOL DRAMATICS

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GLEE CLUB

Under the direction of Mr. John B. Houren, the Combined Glee Clubs of Belmont Abbey and Sacred Heart Colleges this year presented concerts in the larger cities of North and South Carolina, in addition to appearing before various local civic organizations and have received highest praise from musical crities.

Composed of members of the Belmont Abbey College Glee Club. the Choir has sung several Masses in the Abbey Cathedral and Charleston. S. C. This group is also directed by Mr. John B. Houren and is combined with members of the Sacred Heart Women's Choir.



CHOIR



Athletics



COACHES

The trophies in the Administration office are evidence, in themselves, of the ability of Head Coach Wheeler and Assistant Coach Schwerdt.

Under the guidance of these two mentors, the Abbeymen, commonly known as the Crusaders, have not failed, for the past five years, "to bring home the bacon."

In Georgia, the Carolinas, Maryland, Virginia, and other Southern states, the power of the Crusaders has become a legend. This is due primarily to the splendid directing of the two coaches, whose efforts were so conscientious and whose knowledge of boys so thorough that, tho winning was secondary, they did win the majority of the time.

A tribute to the two gentlemen who have directed the physical activities of the Abbey during the past year—and for them, a tribute to the boys whose records symbolize the work of their coaches.

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THE 1940 CO-CHAMPS

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Abbey	. 12
Catawba	7
Abbey	. 0
Lees-McRae	6
Abbey .	. 37
Brevard	. 0
Abbey	13
N. C. State Frosh	6
Abbey	32
Citadel Frosh	_ 0
Abbey	25
Wingate .	0
Abbey	2
Ga. Military Col.	13
Abbey	. 19
Armstrong	13
Abbey	13
Campbell	6
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Abbey Total	153
Opponents Total	51







THE 1940 ABBEY CAGERS

Another team worthy of the name Crusader. Though hit hard by Academic Regulations, the 1940 Basketball Squad deserves more credit than any other Crimson and White team, as they were forced to play the hardest schedule in Abbey basketball history with depleted ranks.



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BASKETBALL RESULTS

Abbey	34	Duke Frosh	41
Abbey	51	Randolph Macon Frosh	33
Abbey	42	Navy Plebes .	51
Abbey	51	Catholic U. Frosh	. 30
Abbey	32	Wingate	36
Abbey	87	Boiling Springs	23
Abbey	80	Boiling Springs	31
Abbey	39	Campbell	50
Abbey	34	Oak Ridge .	33
Abbey	38	Oak Ridge .	40
Abbey	57	Wingate	. 33
Abbey	36	Pfeiffer	. 50
Abbey	42	Campbell	. 52
Abbey	49	Pfeiffer	43
Abbey	34	Brevard	42
Abbey	35	Campbell	



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RAMBLERS BASKETBALL

The climax of four years' building, the most successful team in their history, such were the Ramblers in 1939-40.

Father Daniel Baran, O.S.B., coach, developed a team that was able to win the consolation prize in the Gaston County Tourney and also triumphed over Bishop England High of Charleston—perennial power in the National Catholic Tourney in Chicago—in what was the climax game of their season.



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RAMBLER CUBS

The Junior Ramblers Basketball Team, court midgets of the school, completed their second year of competition by winning the Midget School Championship from Victory School in the preliminary game of the finals of the Junior College Conference Tourney.

Much of their success was due to the able direction of Coach James Walker.



BOXING

Rapidly coming to the front under Coach Tom Hanna. Father Martin Hayes, O.S.B., as faculty adviser, and Captain George Weldon, boxing had its most successful season in the history of the sport at the Abbey.





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Sport Closeups



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Minor Sports



STATE CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

TRACK

Again Track Champions of the North Carolina Junior College Conference! For the third consecutive year the Crusaders wingéd men have swept the field by such large margins that they have earned the name "King of the Junior College Track."

In the annual conference meet at Davidson the team garnered everything but a permanent trophy, and did themselves honor in the Junior A.A.U. meet at Chapel Hill. The inspiring leadership of Captain Fred Volleman, and the great success of the team, deserve to be mentioned together.





DIRECTORS OF ABBEY SPIRIT



A FEW CAMPUS COURTMEN

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MEN OF THE GREEN



MERMEN COMPETING IN ANNUAL MEET



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Features







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MISS HELEN FOX

Dallas, N. C.

MR. HERBERT LINEBERGER, Sophomore Class

MISS SUSAN RICHARDSON

GASTONIA, N. C.

MR. EARL MARSHALL, Freshman Class

MISS LUTELLE HANEY

BELMONT, N. C.

MR. MELVIN JOHNSON, Day Students Club

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HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

MR. WILLIAM COPELAND, Piedmont Club

MISS MARTHA SAUVAIN

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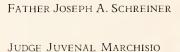


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Speakers Lecturers Friends

Dr. Eva J. Ross

Mrs. Margaret C. Banning



MISS ELIZABETH KLINGMEYER





Dance Candids



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Abbey Proms



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Campus Candids



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Grand Finale!



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PATRONS



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